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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 24, 2008 having a three-month shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on January 24, 2009. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application.

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